The Broome County Youth Prevention Partnership: An Introduction

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Vision Statement:

"The Broome County Youth Prevention Partnership is a collaborative effort to create opportunities for supportive, healthy, drugfree youth, families, and neighborhoods in Broome County."

Funded by the New York State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services, the Broome County Youth Prevention Partnership (BCYPP) is a coalition of county agencies, institutions, and organizations committed to reducing adolescent substance use in Broome County by increasing communication across organizations and harnessing prevention strategies proven by research. Since its inception in August 2000, the BCYPP has utilized the Communities That Care® (CTC) operating system and model of coalition building and process to conduct comprehensive needs and resource assessments of our community. The BCYPP has employed the CTC procedure to identify risk and protective factors that research has demonstrated to be associated with early initiation of substance abuse. Based on these assessments, the BCYPP selected science-based prevention programs that have been shown to reduce youth substance abuse and that are specific to local risk and protective factors. The BCYPP has subsequently implemented science-based prevention programming in two partner school districts: Maine-Endwell and Union-Endicott. The assessment of community needs and addressing these needs through science-based programming is an ongoing process. The following reports are available online and represent the ongoing attempts of the BCYPP to characterize risk for substance use in Broome County and develop strategies and interventions to combat that risk:

•	Status Report	May 2001
•	Resource Assessment Report	5/25/01
•	Youth Focus Group Report	9/18/01
•	Broome County Parent Perspectives	11/12/01
•	Broome County Comprehensive Risk Profile	5/29/02

